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Teaching Morse Code

Pete Shavney, WA3OVH, demonstrating how to copy code during his presentation at the November 8, 2018, General Membership Meeting

Our last meeting at Grady's Barbeque, 327 E. Nakoma Dr., San Antonio, TX 78216 at 7:00 p. m. on Thursday, November 8, 2018, featured a presentation by Pete Shavney, WA30VH, on the Teaching Morse Code. Pete WA3OVH had his 90th birthday last summer and has been a licensed ham radio operator going back many, many years when Morse code was a prerequisite for almost all if not all amateur radio licenses. At this point, Morse code is natural for him. He brought pads of paper and pencils for everyone. He tapped out each letter for all in attendance to acquaint them with code. He also introduced Q codes to everyone. This is short hand in Morse code for key

phrases. He had a computer set up and connected to a website that played messages in code. He chose a slow speed for the playing of the message. This was somewhat difficult to follow for most people unless they were veteran Morse codes operators.

Pete Shavney, WA3OVH, receiving a a Program Certificate of Appreciation from Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, President of the San Antonio Radio Club

The take away was that the dots and dashes can be distinguished, the alphabet and numbers can be learned, and on-line resources are available to help do the drills necessary to gain proficiency.

After Pete WA3OVH completed his presentation, he was thanked by Mike Harrison, KD5KST, (Continued on Page 5

NO MEETING in December
Radio Fiesta 2019

Our next club meeting will be at 7:00 p. m. (1900) on Thursday, January 10, 2019, at Grady's Barbeque, 327 E. Nakoma Dr., San Antonio, TX 78216. There will not be a pro-gram at this meeting as the focus will be on final preparations for Centennial Radio Fiesta 2019 at the Schertz Convention Center on Saturday, January 12, 2019.

SAN ANTONIO RADIO CLUB

PRESIDENT'S RADIOGRAM

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This is my 36th and last President's Radiogram. However, first things first. Congratulations to Rosendo Guzman, N5YGB, as our new President for 2019 – the Centennial President.

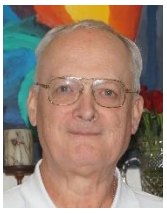
As I have said, more than once you may say, I went from the back bench to being President. I accepted the opportunity because in any small group, and SARC is pretty small, the members have to step up and take a turn at filling an office from time to time. That certainly was my primary motivation.

Yes, I took my turn. I took it for three years. However, I got a lot out of it. People that I knew quite casually in SARC, I got to know very well. Fine people willing to share knowledge and also put on work gloves. I did not become President to know them better. It was just a byproduct of doing the job. For me, a very fortunate byproduct.

I have come to see Radio Fiesta as a way to help the whole ham community in San Antonio and not just to raise funds for SARC. I have come to see Field Day as a way to plus up all of our skills. I admit to learning more than just a little in prepping for Field Day, doing it, and then cleaning up.

I believe strongly in communication. I will not go into how and what I did to improve communication because the space set aside for the President's radiogram is too small to cover it adequately. However, I considered it a necessary glue for everything that we do. I hope that I have set patterns that will continue.

I will never regret serving as President for the 97th, 98th, and 99th years of SARC. I enjoyed the people that I worked with a great number of things most of all. Well wishes to SARC and Rosendo N5YGB, the Centennial President.



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San Antonio Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2018

Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m. at Grady's BAR-B-Q, 327 E. Nakoma Dr., San Antonio, TX 78216. There were 29 people in attendance. (21 ate at Grady's BBQ before or during the meeting.)

Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, then introduced himself as Harold AE5AS and then in accordance with SARC custom asked everyone else to introduce themselves.

Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, then turned the meeting over.to Mike Harrison, KB5KST, Vice President, who introduced the program. The program was presented by Pete Shavney, WA3OVH on Teaching Morse Code for 34 minutes from 7:04 pm to 7:38 pm). Mike Harrison, KB5KST, thanked Pete Shavney, WA3OVH, and turned the meeting back over to Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, who immediately presented Pete Shavney, WA3OVH, with a Program Certificate of Appreciation.

Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, then reviewed the printed agenda for meeting with the members present and asked if there were any modifications. There being no modifications suggested, Harold Fleischer AE5AS announced the printed agenda as orders for the meeting by without objection by unanimous consent.

Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, then stated that whereas the minutes for the last meeting on Oct 11, 2018 had been distributed in the Oct 2018 Bexar Wire newsletter that unless there were corrections or objections that we would dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as written without objection by unanimous consent.

Officer Reports:

President

Bill Craft, KD2HIQ, has been appointed Chairperson of the Membership Committee.

Tom O'Brien's service as Chairperson of the Membership Committee is appreciated. This change permits him to concentrate on his duties as Chairperson, Centennial Commemoration. All officers and committee Chairperson's are asked to come to the front of the room to give their reports tonight.

Vice President – Future Program: Since we are not meeting in December and the focus of the meeting in January 2019 will be Radio Fiesta 2019, the next program will be in February 2019, and will be on Why I Chose Buddipole as My Antenna by Harold Fleischer, AE5AS. Mike Harrison, KB5KST receive a connector from Harold Fleischer, AE5AS.

Secretary – Came on front and gave no report, but he did receive a connector from Harold Fleischer, AE5AS.

Treasurer – not present. Financial Report was read President Harold Fleischer, AE5AS and briefly discussed.

Newsletter Editor - The October 2018 *Bexar Wire* newsletter was sent to Bill Craft, KD2HIQ, on November 5, 2018 for emailing of the link to the membership. The November 2018 Bexar Wire newsletter uploaded to website on Monday, Novem5, 2018, and Bill Craft, KD2HIQ, sent out a link on November 5, 2018 to members.

The deadline remains the Friday before the first Thursday of the month.

Webmaster – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ, reported;

- Website traffic was up 5% with 62% or all visitors being new.
- Facebook is getting 32-page visits per week Page likes were 230.
- Yahoo Groups has been moved to Groups to win help from Jeff Boyes, ND8B, Groups.io is supported product and will do all that Yahoo Groups was supposed to do and then some.

Chairman of the Board Report –Bob Rodriguez, K5AUW – Announced 2nd annual meeting required by the Constitution and By-laws will follow this meeting. It is expected to be short.

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Committee Reports

Education and Training – There was CERT Training in Helotes on October 6 and 13, 2018 by Bob Rodriguez, K5AUW, and David Finell, N7LRY, with the VEs testing at 3 pm on October 13, 2018. This session is not open to the general-public as it was done for CERT. There was technician license training done on November 3-4, 2018 for the Texas State Guard. A technician class license has been scheduled at SAMSAT for three consecutive Saturdays in December for the 1st, 8th, and the 15th. The hours will be 10:00 Am to 5:00 PM with VEs testing the last two hours on December 15, 2018.

Emergency Communications Report – J C Smith, N5RXS, reported that:

- The ARES SET was Thursday, October 11, 2018. As is typical, the Set showed strengths and weakness. Probably, some hams were not properly utilized or underutilized.
- Joe Bruno, W5AUQ, took small generator from SARC to help with it as required, but it was not used.

Executive – No meetings since last month, no report.

Field Day – Joe Bruno, W5AUQ, Chairperson, is setting up a maintenance day for the tower with Richard Elder, WB5ACN. A broken pulley has jammed the cable the raises the mast. The plan is to replace all pulleys as they are probably 40 years old.

Finance and Review – inactive until January

JOTA – Mike Harrison, KB5KST, reported that everything was a go for JOTA except the weather. It was canceled because the Texas Transportation Museum became water logged.

Membership – Bill Craft KD2HIQ, reported that:

- Membership now has its own email: membership@w5sc.org
- Excel spreadsheet:
  - Cleaned up.
  - Fields added for Military, Year joined, newsletter recipient, and ARRL membership.
  - Added additional VE information
- Data verification with Pat Knight, AD5BR for VE sessions conducted to ensure current.
- Mail Chimp set up to give us more capacity to send emails easier to member including Newsletter notification.
- Roster loaded into Groups.io as of 11/6/2018 with controlled assess
- Standard membership application has been updated.
- SARC about 169 members with 106 paid and 63 free.

Radio Fiesta – JC Smith N5RXS:

- He plans to get the flyer out before Thanksgiving 2018.
- He plans to ask Main Trading Company to come again as they are going to some places.

VEC – There was a VE session on Saturday, October 13, 2018 only for the CERTS class. Thirteen took the class with 10 earning Technician and one earning General. There was a regular test session at 10:00am on October 27, 2018 at the Great Northwest Library. Eleven took the class with 9 earning Technician and 2 earning Amateur Extra.

There was a test session on November 4, 2018, for the Texas State Guard at Lackland AFB. Seven took the class with 5 earning Technician and 1 earning Amateur Extra. Also, there will be a VE session for the Technician Class on December 1, 8, & 15, 2018. The class and VE test session will be at SAMSAT with the testing starting at 3:00 PM on December 15, 2018. The next regular test session will be at 10:00 AM on December 22, 2018, at the Great Northwest Library. You can become a VE by taking the ARRL's open book test.

Centennial Commemoration (Temporary) - Tom O'Brien, AB5XZ, reported:

- That he is getting bids for pins, patches, and coins so that we will have by Radio Fiesta 2019.
- He will have the banner and stand for Radio Fiesta 2019.
- He handed over historical material from Steve Cerwin to Eric Harris.

CW Training (Disbanded) – Joe Bruno, W5AUQ, asked after the Teaching Morse Code Class if members wanted to do group or individual study.

Nominating Committee – Paul Guido, N5IUT, reported the following nominees for next month's election:

President – Rosendo Guzman, N5YBG

Vice President – Mike Harrison, KB5KST

Secretary – Open
Treasurer – Jeff Boyes, ND8D
Director through 2023 – Paul Guido, N5IUT

Old Business – (Motions carried over from previous meetings)
Jeff Boyes made a motion that we have a Fox Hunt at Radio Fiesta. This was 2nd by Tom O'Brien.
Mike Harrison, KB5KST move to amend previous motion for Fox Hunt from 2019 to 2020. This was 2nd by Rosendo Guzman, N5YBG.
The amended motion was discussed and passed without objection by unanimous consent.
The passed motion is: We (SARC) have a Fox Hunt at Radio Fiesta 2020.

New Business – (Must be presented as a motion)
No new motions planned a head of time.

Election: Nominees from the floor: for the following positions:
President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Director through 2023

There were no nominees from the floor with only the position of Secretary open. Elections were closed.
President – Rosendo Guzman, N5YBG
Vice President – Mike Harrison, KB5KST
Secretary – Open
Treasurer – Jeff Boyes, ND8D
Director through 2023 – Paul Guido, N5IUT

Harold Fleischer, AE5AS declared that being there was only one person nominated for each position that they be appointed without objection by unanimous consent. The above names will be the new offices on Jan 1, 2019.

Announcements for The Good of Amateur Radio (1-minute maximum per announcement)
Peter Shavney, WA3)VH, thanked members of SARC for attending his birthday party at noon on October 14, 2018 at the Texas Transportation Museum in response to his invitation last month.
Bill Craft, KD2HIQ, one of the members mentioned that they meet for breakfast every Saturday at Taco Jalisco Authentic Mexican Restaurant on 8099 Culebra Rd, San Antonio, TX 78251 from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM to socialize. Richard Elder, WB5ACN, announced

Final Announcement by the President.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Eric Harris, KG5SZV
Secretary

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on behalf of all members present. The President then presented him with a Program Certificate of Appreciation and made a few remarks. Pete WA3OVH is a gifted piano player and a piano tuner with a fine ear, which undoubtedly helps Peter WA3OVH when it comes to Morse code.

As this meeting included the election of new officers and the President anticipated relinquishing the office of President, the meeting

Bob Rodriguez, K5AUW, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, receiving a SO239 barrel connector from Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, President, for his support at the General Membership meeting on November 8, 2018

Eric Harris, KG5SZV, Secretary, receiving a SO239 barrel connector from Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, President, for his support at the General Membership meeting on November 8, 2018

JC Smith, N5RXS, Chairperson, 2019 Radio Fiesta Committee, and Chairperson, Emergency Communications Committee, receiving a SO239 barrel connector from Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, President, for his support at the General Membership meeting on November 8, 2018

was a little different. Officers and Committee Chairpersons present were invited to come to front of the room to make their Officer and Committee reports. The President then took the opportunity to say a few words of appreciation to each and give them a SO-239 barrel connector symbolizing his desire to say connected with each person. The Officer and Committee reports were generally routine and are shown in the minutes starting on Page 3. There were a few highlights:

- JC Smith, N5RXS, reported on Radio Fiesta 2019 preparations. A major vendor willing to travel to San Antonio, Texas, has not been found. This may become a drag on Radio Fiesta. Dealer responses have come in. The Flyer will go out soon.
- Mike Harrison, KB5KST, Chairperson, JOTA Committee, reported that JOTA got washed out. We had a lot of rain and the Texas Transportation Museum (TTM) became a swamp. TTM had to cancel JOTA and TTM's own Halloween special event. Mike KD5KST appreciated the willingness of volunteers to help with JOTA. Hopefully, the weather will be with us instead of against us next year for JOTA.
- Tom O'Brien, AB5ZX, Chairperson, Centennial Commemoration Committee, on the work done with the San Antonio Museum Science and Technology (SAMSAT). He also talked about the coins, patches, and pins that he will have made.
- Paul Guidio, N5IUTChairperson, Nominating Committee, announced the candidates so far for Officers and Director starting January 1, 2019. (See article on page XXX for more detail on those nominations and the election.)

The election was held during new business. As all nominees ran unopposed, the President declared them elected without objections by unanimous consent.

After all other announcements, the President made one final announcement. He called the new President for 2019, Rosendo Guzman, N5VGB, forward and presented him with a Governance folder with key

Joe Bruno, W5AUQ, Chairperson, Field Day Committee, receiving a SO239 barrel connector from Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, President, for his support at the General Membership meeting on November 8, 2018

Paul Guido, N5IUT, Chairperson, Finance Committee, and Chairperson, Nominating Committee, receiving a SO239 barrel connector from Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, President, for his support at the General Membership meeting on November 8, 2018

Tom O'Brien, AB5XZ, former Chairperson, Membership Committee, and Chairperson, Centennial Committee, receiving a SO239 barrel connector from Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, President, for his support at the General Membership meeting on November 8, 2018

NOTE: Mike Harrison, KB5KST, Vice President, and Bill Craft, KD2HIQ, Webmaster and new Chairperson, Membership Committee, were present and also received SO239 barrel connectors from the President for their support. Unfortunately, there are no pictures of this.

SARC documents such as Constitution and By-laws, State of Texas Incorporation information, IRS filings, W5SC Club license, etc. It is one of five folders that the officers keep to ensure continuity. Finally, the President presented Rosendo N5YGB a gavel with inscription *President San Antonio Radio Club*

Richard Elder, WB5ACN, Champion Announcer for Announcements for the Good of the Amateur Radio Service, receiving a SO239 barrel connector from Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, President, for his support at the General Membership meeting on November 8, 2018

Rosendo Guzman, N5YGB, 2019 President, receiving the President's gavel from Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, President, at the General Membership meeting on November 8, 2018

ARRL – AFFLIATED EVENT

Centennial Radio Fiesta 2019

The San Antonio Radio Club's Amateur Centennial Radio Fiesta 2019 is now 33 days away on Saturday, January 12, 2019. While Radio Fiesta is an annual SARC event, ***this year it is special because it marks the Centennial year of SARC***.

All the dealer letters have been out for 2-3 months and the dealer letter has been available on line for about the same amount of time. Some dealer commitments have been received. It is not unusual for dealers to wait until the last minute to commit. It is anticipated that SARC will have as many dealers in the end as we did last year.

All the invitations to speakers and various organizations like the ARRL Section Manager have been issued. This is a little like dealers in that they tend to wait until the last minute. Again, in the end, it is anticipated that this will all come together.

The Program flyer was placed on the website on December 2, 2019. The flyer is going out in early December. We offer discounts on General Admission for pre-registration and those who pre-register can get flea market tables at the same time instead of hoping we have some at the door. ***This is real important as SARC has sold out of flea market tables before the doors opened.*** Discounted membership is offered in SARC is also offered ($12 versus $15).

What is the most important thing that you can do as a member of SARC for Radio Fiesta 2019?

ANS: Sign up on the work assignment sheets. Emails are scheduled to go out to all members with a link to a website to sign up for a shift. All members who volunteer and work a shift will get free admission. Bill Craft, KD2HIQ, webmaster and social media maestro is using the Mail Chimp capability that he has set up to send the emails with the link to the special website page for signing up. The webpage will send your information to JC Smith, N5RXS, Centennial Radio Fiesta 2019 Chairperson, or one of his assistants.

100 Years

Centennial Commemoration

Tom O'Brien, AB5XZ, Chairperson, Centennial Committee and his committee members have been holding meetings somewhat frequently for quite some time in preparation of the Centennial Commemoration of the founding of the San Antonio Radio Club (SARC). Some history about SARC can be found on the SARC's website.

The plan calls for quarterly on-air events during 2019. Each event will be in the middle month of the quarter, February, May, August, and November. The details will be announced in QST and to the members, but it will be held for a set number of hours on a Saturday in each quarter. SARC plans to use the San Antonio Museum of Science and Technology (SAMSAT) as the transmission site for several reasons starting with it is a fixed site, is open to the public, and gives SAMSAT some exposure in the ham community of San Antonio. SAMSAT is in start of mode. Tom AB5XZ is working closely with Joe Bruno, W5AUQ, as we plan to take the trailer mounted beam antenna down to SAMSAT for these on-air events. Some cabling needs to be done to make that happen. SAMSAT has a ICOM 781 HF transceiver.

Tom, AB5XZ, wants to see historical articles published every month in the **Bexar Wire** during 2019. A 2019 Centennial Bexar Wire format has been proposed, and it is expected that it will be used. The Centennial logo, as shown above, will be probably be prominently featured in the mass head.

Further, Tom AB5XZ is having coins, patches, and pins made featuring SARC's Centennial logo made. He expects this to be available for sale at Centennial Radio Fiesta 2019. He will be found under the 3' x 8' Centennial banner at Centennial Radio Fiesta.

One thing that Tom AB5XZ denies is that he is a charter member of SARC. He thinks Bob Rodriguez, K5AUW, might have been a charter member. All members of SARC are invited to ask Tom AB5XZ and Bob K5AUW about their charter member status in SARC the next time you see them.

Next License Test on Saturday, December 22, 2018

Pat Knight, AD5BR, Chairperson, Volunteer Examination Committee, and several members of that committee will be conducting amateur radio license examines on Saturday, December 22, 2018. The test session will start at 10:00 a. m. at the Great Northwest Library. This test session is open to the public although pre-registration is encouraged. There is a $15 FCC authorized fee.

Texas State Guard Technician Class and VE Testing

David Finell, N7LRY, taught a Technician License Class to a group from the Texas State Guard) at Lackland AFB, Texas, on Saturday and Sunday, November 3-4, 2018. The class was held at the in a conference room at a maintenance facility of the USAF. There were a total of six people that took the Technician License Class.

In the photograph on the left, Texas State Guard members are taking their examinations. In the photograph on the right, David Finell, N7LRY, is showing the winner of the raffle (free raffle ticket for passing the Technician examination), how to use the HT that he had just won.

Pat Knight, AD5BR, Chairperson, Volunteer Examination Committee, and five members of that committee conducted the technician license examination at the conclusion of the class on Sunday, November 4, 2018. Five of the candidates were successful in passing the Technician License examination. In addition, there was a Texas State Guard member who took the Amateur Extra pass and passed. The one person were close enough to passing that they were urged to study for the next examination schedule open to the public.

The Volunteer Examiners (VEs) were broken into two groups, Blue (left), and Red (right), for the administration of the examination for the Texas State Guard at Lackland AFB, TX, on Sunday, November 4, 2018

VE Team Report for Novembe

Thank you to all the Volunteer Examiners that have worked at the ten sessions we have conducted in 2018. Congratulations to all the successful candidates that earned a license or upgrade at those sessions.We had a VE session for the Technician class David Finell N7LRY conducted November 3 - 4 at JBSA Lackland. The candidates earned five new Technician licenses and one Amateur Extra upgrade.

We will have a regular VE session 10 AM December 22, 2018, at the Great Northwest Library, 9050 Wellwood. On January 12 at the SARC Amateur Radio Fiesta we will have a VE session at Schertz Civic Center, 1400 Schertz Parkway, Schertz, Texas, at 1:30 PM.

There will be a VE session at the HAMsters Lunch & Learn on February 2 in the afternoon. More details will follow in the next Bexar Wire.Our 2019 regular test sessions will be at 10 AM at the Great Northwest Library, 9050 Wellwood, on February 23, April 27, June 22, August 24, October 26, and December 28, 2019.

New 2019 Officers

Paul Guido, N5IUT, making the Nominating Committee report as Chairperson at the General Membership Meeting on November 8, 2018

The mission of the Nominating Committee was to come up with a slate of four (4) offices for one (1) year terms and one (1) Director for a five (5) year term. The officer positions are President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

This year's Nominating Committee includes Paul Guido, N5IUT, Chairperson, Jeff Boyes, ND8B, Member, and Eric Harris, KG5SZV, Member.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Paul Gudio, N5IUT, made a final report on their work in identifying candidates for 2019 at the November 8, 2018 General Membership Meeting. He reported that the:

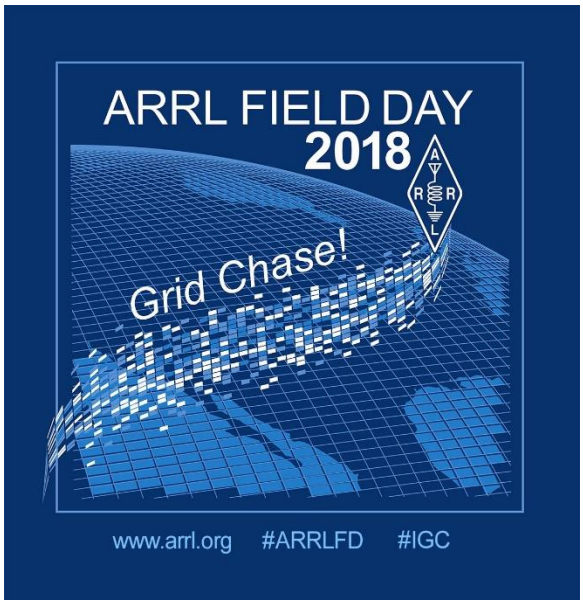
Rosendo Guzman, N5YGB, 2019 President of the San Antonio Radio Club

Nominee for President – Rosendo Guzman, N5YGB
Nominee for Vice President – Mike Harrison, KB5KST
Nominee for Secretary – still searching
Nominee for Treasurer – Jeff Boyes, ND8B
Nominee for Director 2019-2023 – Paul Guido, N5IUT

The election was conducted as the first item of new business. Nominees were solicited from the floor for each office. No nominations from the floor were made. The President declared them as elected without objection by unanimous consent. Congratulations to the new officers.
The Nominating Committee will continue working on identifying nominees for the office of Vice President and office of Secretary by the next General Membership Meeting on November 8, 2018, which is when the election will be.

Anyone desiring to serve their fellow hams as Secretary should contact either the President or the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

Field Day 2018 Results



ARRL has published the official results for Field Day 2018 in the December 2018 issue of QST. SARC was entered as a 4A category station, which means we had up to 4 HF transceivers working at one time on non-commercial power. Jeff Boyes, ND8B, did all the paperwork for submission of our report. We are shown with 149 contacts and 1508 points. SARC earned points not just for the contacts, but for things like publicity including the use of social media. Some clubs with more contacts then SARC had lower scores. Understanding that a part of Field Day is about reaching out to the community, SARC did that work and received points for it.

So how did we compare with others? The article goes on for many pages. The top score this year was 33,942 points, but they had 15 HF transceivers and were the only ones in the 15A category. The highest category listed had 20 HF transmitters, but they did not have the high score.The listings are broken out by category, so a better question is how did we compare with others in our 4A category? The top station in 4A had 16,946 points. They obviously had an operating bent and kept their HF stations busy 100% of the time making 4,866 contacts. In category 4A, we were 122nd out of 147 stations.

As in years past, it was never the goal of SARC's leadership to win the 4A category. The goals were to have fun, learn some things, introduce visitors to ham radio, eat well, and report what we did. When evaluated on what SARC's goals were, we did very well: we had fun, learned many things, introduced visitors to ham radio, ate very, very well, and reported what we did to include outreach efforts.

November 2018 W5SC Website Statistics

W5SC.ORG Web Site– November 2018 - **Activities for November**

1. Revised membership Application
2. Revised Leadership page membership committee & Centennial
3. Created on-line RF non-vendor registration form
4. Groups.io - Continued processing membership renewals & new members on groups.io database.
5. Mailchimp - Created mail chimp campaigns for newsletter ready.

Web Site Statistics*		
Sessions	**Device Breakdown**	**Top Referrals**
Visitors Low volume	Desktop 64% Tablet 11% Mobile 25%	• ARRL

Facebook Statistics
Created Thanksgiving post **Hamsphere post** **Reach ~ 117 people with posts**

Bill Craft, Webmaster

AARO Christmas Party

One of the reasons SARC does not meet in December each year is because a lot of SARC members are also members of the Alamo Area Radio Organization (AARO). (Both the President and the Chairperson of the Board of Directors are known members of AARO as well as SARC. AARO operates repeaters and desevre the support of hams in San Antonio using them>)

Their Christmas Party is held on the 2nd Wednesday of December, which is the night before SARC's normal meeting night. Again, this is one reason SARC does not meet in December.

You need not be a member of AARO to attend. In the true spirit of ham community, they open it to all hams in San Antonio. YOU ARE INVITED IF YOUR ARE A HAM. You may bring non-ham guests.

Some information on the AARO Christmas Party:

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 7 pm.

Location: Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Road, San Antonio, TX 78216

Fees:
They only ask for a 5 dollar donation per person which entitles you to 1 raffle ticket
At time of paying your entry fee, you can buy additional raffle tickets for 1 dollar each.
They will be equipped to handle membership dues at the venue.

Well over $300 Dollars worth of gifts and prizes will be given:
Grand Prized is a Yaesu ft-70DR HT Radio
2nd prize is a Radioddity GD-77 FM/DMR Radio
There will be additional gifts handed during the drawings

This is a buy your own plate venue which allows you to pick to your liking.

1st and 3rd Saturdays of the Month
9:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.

SAMSAT is located at Port San Antonio

SparkMarket location is:

102 Mabry Drive
San Antonio, TX 78226-2036

SparkMarket, a new tech swap meet located at the San Antonio Museum of Science and Technology (SAMSAT), is now open at Port San Antonio! Join us for open-air shopping as we feature items such as:

- games
- gadgets
- ham radio/ shortwave radio
- miniature Tesla coils
- robots
- drones
- t-shirts
- Rasberry Pi components

...and much more!

There is also a
Farmer's Market
at the same location and
same time.

Groups.io

SARC has had a Groups.io. Its name is saradioclub.

The saradioclub Group.io is being used to publicize SARC business meetings. It can be used for other things like promotion of VEC testing and classes. Members of the saradioclub Group.io can and have asked each other technical questions or sought assistance.

The saradioclub Group.io is a closed group. To become a member, go to saradioclub.groups.io. (You may need to have a Groups.io account.) You will then need to select *Apply for membership in this group*. This generates a message. SARC members can expect approval to join the saradioclub Group.io in probably less than 24 hours.

SARC Tweets

Reminder: there are two active Twitter accounts for the San Antonio Radio Club. They are @SARadioClub and @ARadioFiesta.

The @SARadioClub is being used to publicize SARC meetings. It can be used for other things like promotion of VEC testing and classes.

As Radio Fiesta 2017 work has commenced, the @ARadioFiesta is being used again for the January 14, 2017 Radio Fiesta.

SARC members are encouraged to follow both Twitter accounts.

SARC Facebook

There is a San Antonio Radio Club – SARC (@saradioclub) Facebook Page.

The newsletter editor is making posts about SARC meetings and other activities. Any Officer, Committee Chairperson, or member who believes that they have information that should be posted to this page should contact the newsletter editor using the contact information for the newsletter editor on page 2 of this newsletter.

SARC members are encouraged to follow this Facebook Page.

SARC SLACK

There is a San Antonio Radio Club Slack team – w5sc.slack.com.

Slack teams are meant to foster communication between team members. Paul Guido, N5IUT, has established the w5sc.slack.com team for SARC. He has also established some channels. Think of the channels as topical areas.

To join send an email to Paul Guido, N5IUT, at radioteacher@gmail.com. In actuality, any team member already a part of the w5sc.slack.com can invite you, but Paul is known to be on it.

SARC has a website:

w5sc.org

Webmaster: Bill Craft KD2HIQ
Billc851@gmail.com
210-233-8863

SARC Meeting Dates for next 12 Months

December (None)
January 10, 2019
February 14, 2019
March 14, 2019
April 11, 2019
May 9,2019
June 13, 2019
July 11,2019
August 8, 2019
September 12, 2019
October 10, 2019
November 14, 2019

Meetings are held at Grady's Barbeque, 327 E. Nakoma Dr., San Antonio, TX 78216 at 7:00 p. m.

Come early and eat with other members coming early.

JOTA

Boy Scout Jamboree On The Air

This year's date is Oct 19, 2019. The plan is to again hold it at the Texas Transportation Museum.

Radio Fiesta 2019

January 12, 2019
Schertz Civic Center
See newsletter article for more information

Amateur Radio License Classes

A Technician Class is currently being planned for the first quarter of 2019. As class plans firm up, they will be summarized here.

License Testing Dates for 2018

December 22, 2018
January 12, 2019
February 23, 2019
April 27, 2019
June 22, 2019
August 24, 2019
October 26, 2019

Times and locations along with required document information can be found on SARC's website.

SARC does all its licensing testing as a part of ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) organization so all the Volunteer Examiners in SARC are duly authorized Volunteer Examiners of ARRL's VEC.

Field Day 2019

Setup: Friday, June 21, 2019
Operations: Saturday, June 22, 2019
& Sunday, June 23, 2019

Where SARC proves they are an eating group with a radio problem.

More information to follow, but hold these dates.

Emergency Communications

If you are interested in emergency communications, contact:
JC Smith N5RXS